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CENTRAL COALFIELDS LIMITED
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production, profit/loss, manpower of the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of wage, capital cost, power, store and other important factors in the cost of production during the said period, year-wise; (

(c) whether there is more loss due to reduction of manpower and wage factor;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) : The details of production, profit/loss, manpower of the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) during the last three years is given below :-

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Coal Production (in million tonnes)	32.18	32.40	31.75
Profit(+)/Loss (-)(Rs. crores)	-149.35	-121.21	-792.91
Manpower	84993	80916	77882

(b) The information is given below :-

Particulars	1998-99(%)	1999-00(%)	2000-01(%)
Salary & Wage	43	44	45
Admn. Expenses	8	9	9
Stores	14	13	13
Power	7	8	7
Interest	7	6	6
Depreciation	10	10	9
Others	11	10	11

(c) &(d) : Inspite of reduction in manpower CCL has incurred a loss of Rs. 792.91 crores in 2000-01. The loss of C C L for the year 2000-01 has gone up significantly as compared to earlier years primarily due to the following reasons:

i) Increase in salary and wages arising out of revision of pay from 01.7.1996 for non-executives and from 1.1.97 for executives totalling to Rs. 454.45 crores and provision of such arrears out of 2000-01 accounts.

ii) Decrease in production by 0.65 million tonnes.

iii) Increase in provision for gratuity /leave encashment by Rs. 65.99 crores.

(e) : CCL is continuously taking measures for increasing production and productivity, regulating the controllable costs etc. Because of the steps taken, the production this year is likely to go upto 33.70 million tonnes. The losses for the year are likely to be Rs. 110.00 crores. For the period from November, 2001 to February, 2002, the company has made a profit of Rs. 72.74 crores.